

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** International Trade Remedies Forum

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**QUESTION No.:** SI-69

**Senator KETTER:** Next I move to the International Trade Remedies Forum. I am informed that the Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2011, which established the International Trade Remedies Forum, received bipartisan support. Is that correct?

**Senator RONALDSON:** From my personal knowledge, I am not entirely sure about that. Maybe go on with your questions.

**Senator KETTER:** Okay. Did the current government when they were in opposition in the lead-up to the election say anything about abolishing the International Trade Remedies Forum?

**Senator Ronaldson:** I will take that on notice. I just don't have the personal knowledge to appropriately answer that question...

**Senator KETTER:** Will the group meet twice this year in accordance with the act?

**Senator Ronaldson:** We will take that on notice.

**ANSWER**

The Department is not aware of any statement by the Australian Government when in opposition concerning abolition of the International Trade Remedies Forum.

The International Trade Remedies Forum is under consideration by the Government and there will be announcements made in due course.